

Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OF

# GROTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

**1950**



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*for the*  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1950

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# Town Officers for 1950

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Moderator .....	Agnes A. Lane
Town Clerk .....	Ileene A. Matthews
Selectmen ....	Frederick I. Taylor, Floyd H. Colby, Peter Lavoie ;
Road Agents ....	Perley Matthews, Charles H. Tarr
Snow Removal .....	Ernest E. Matthews
Treasurer .....	Ileene A. Matthews
Tax Collector .....	Annie M. Esty
Land Agents .....	Selectmen
Librarian .....	Agnes A. Lane
Police .....	Edgar Albert
Overseer of Poor .....	Edythe M. Newton
Health Officer .....	Frederick I. Taylor
Auditors .....	Flora Matthews, Violet G. Parris
School Board .....	Annie Esty, Flora Matthews Yvonne Stevens
School District Clerk and Treasurer .	Ileene Matthews
Trustees of Trust Funds .....	Floyd H. Colby, Frederick I. Taylor
Library Trustees .....	Flora Matthews, Violet G. Parris, Ileene A. Matthews
Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, Bark and Fence Viewers:	Floyd H. Colby, Lucien Parris
Janitor .....	Floyd H. Colby
Constable .....	Floyd H. Colby
Fire Warden .....	Ernest E. Matthews
Deputy Wardens .....	Floyd H. Colby, Carroll G. Matthews, Edgar J. Albert

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on property taxes paid on or before 15 days from the date of the tax bill.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 50.00 for the Newfound Region Chamber of Commerce.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$583.50 for State Aid construction on the Cheever Road.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195.65 for Town Road Aid.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30.00 to mow the Town House yard and the Rolfe Hill Cemetery.

9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase one piece of motorized road equipment, type and make to be determined by the Selectmen after consultation with the Road Agents.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue interest bearing serial notes to pay for the equipment authorized in Article 9, such notes to be paid annually so that the amount of the annual payment in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal payable in any subsequent year. The total amount of such payments shall be sufficient to extinguish the entire debt at maturity.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to rent such road equipment as may be considered necessary; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to pay for such rentals. This equipment shall be employed as directed by the Selectmen.

12. To see what action the Town will take in regard to establishing a Town Dump, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to pay for any action taken.

13. To see what action the Town wishes to take regarding the request of the Sceva Speare Memorial Hospital Association to appropriate a sum of money each year to help said hospital meet operating costs and amortize the unpaid principal of their mortgage.

14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the remaining articles in the budget as printed and make appropriations for same.

15. To see if the Town will vote to have only one Road Agent for the entire Town.

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 26th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and 51.

FREDERICK I. TAYLOR,  
FLOYD H. COLBY,  
PETER LAVOIE,

Selectmen of Groton.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

FREDERICK I. TAYLOR.  
FLOYD H. COLBY,  
PETER LAVOIE,

Selectmen of Groton.



# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the En-  
suing Year January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951  
Compared With Actual Revenues and Expenditures  
of the Previous Year January 1, to December 31, 1950.

Sources of Revenue:	Actual 1950	Estimated 1951
From State:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 90.26	90.26
Savings Bank Tax	9.58	9.58
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	32.60	32.60
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing wood and timber	1,038.08	1,373.88
For Fighting Forest fires	12.33	50.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	45.60	45.60
Interest Rec'd on Taxes, Dep.s.	56.18	60.00
Highway Dept., Rental of Equip.	746.20	500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	249.81	200.00
Sale of Town Property	796.70	800.00
Cash Surplus	3,266.70	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2.00	130.00	100.00
Total Revenue from all sources		
Except Property Taxes	6,474.04	3,261.92
Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Tax	11,681.40	12,185.90
Total Revenue		\$ 15,447.82

## Current Maintenance Expenses

Purpose of Expenditure	Actual 1950	Estimated 1951
<b>General Government:</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	536.00	1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	517.14	600.00
Election and Registration Expenses	229.60	100.00
Expenses Town Buildings	44.00	75.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>		
Police Department	20.00	20.00
Fire Department	54.86	300.00
<b>Health:</b>		
Health Department, inc. hospitals		25.00
Vital Statistics	2.50	5.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>		
Town Maintenance-Summer	2,848.79	3,000.00
Town Maintenance-Winter	1,448.17	1,750.00
General Expenses of Highw'y Dept.	219.06	200.00
Town Road Aid	187.25	195.65
Library	150.00	150.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>		
Town Poor	35.48	50.00
Old Age Assistance	440.83	700.00
<b>Recreation:</b>		
Parks and Playgrounds	300.00	
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>		
Cemeteries		30.00

**Unclassified:**

Damages and Legal Expenses		50.00
Advertising and Regional Assns.	50.00	50.00

**Interest:**

On Temporary Loans	10.00	10.00
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**Highways and Bridges:**

State Aid Construction, Town's share		583.50
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**Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:**

County Taxes	865.81	865.81
School Taxes	4,620.06	5,687.86

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<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>12,579.55</b>	<b>15,447.82</b>
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# COMPARATIVE OF APPROPRIATIONS

Fiscal Year Ending

Title of Appropriation:	Appropriation Total Available
Town Officers' Salaries .....	\$ 1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses .....	600.00
Election and Registration .....	200.00
Town Hall Expense .....	35.00
Police Department .....	15.00
Fire Department .....	300.00
Health Department .....	25.00
Vital Statistics .....	5.00
Town Maintenance, Summer .....	2,000.00
Town Maintenance, Winter .....	1,750.00
Town Road Aid .....	187.25
General Expense of Highway Department ..	500.00
Library .....	150.00
Town Poor .....	50.00
Old Age Assistance .....	400.00
Recreation .....	300.00
Cemeteries .....	30.00
Damages and Legal Expenses .....	50.00
Advertising and Regional Assns. ....	50.00
Interest on Temporary Loan .....	40.00
State Aid Construction .....	670.50
County Tax .....	865.81
Payments to School District .....	4,520.06
Totals	<u>\$ 13,743.62</u>

## STATEMENT

## AND EXPENDITURES

December 31, 1950

Expenditures	Balance	
	Unexpended	Overdraft
536.00	464.00	
517.14	82.86	
229.60		29.60
44.00		9.00
20.00		5.00
54.86	245.14	
0.00	25.00	
2.50	2.50	
2,848.79		848.79
1,443.17	301.83	
187.25		
219.06	230.94	
150.00		
35.48	14.52	
440.83		40.83
300.00		
0.00	30.00	
0.00	50.00	
50.00		
10.00	30.00	
0.00	670.50	
865.81		
4,620.06		100.00
<u>\$ 12,579.55</u>	<u>\$ 2,197.29</u>	<u>\$ 1,033.22</u>

Net Unexpended Balance Over Overdrafts \$ 1,164.07

# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

## AND TAXES ASSESSED

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Town Officers' Salaries .....	\$ 1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses .....	600.00
Election and Registration Expenses .....	200.00
Town Hall and Buildings .....	35.00
Police Department .....	15.00
Fire Department .... ..	300.00
Health Department .....	25.00
Vital Statistics .....	5.00
State Aid Construction .....	670.50
Town Road Aid .....	187.25
Town Maintenance .....	3,750.00
General Expenses of Highway Department ..	500.00
Library .....	150.00
Old Age Assistance .....	400.00
Town Poor .....	50.00
Parks and Playgrounds .....	300.00
Cemeteries .....	30.00
Damages and Legal Expenses .....	50.00
Advertising and Regional Assns. ....	50.00
County Tax .....	865.81
Interest .....	40.00
School Tax .....	4,520.06

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**Total Town and School Appropriations    \$13,743.62**

**Less Estimated Revenues and Credits:**

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 90.00
Savings Bank Tax	25.43
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	32.71
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber	1,373.88
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	200.00
Dog Licenses	36.60
Rent of Town Property	550.00
Interest Received on Taxes	60.00
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	100.00
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Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 2,378.62
	11,275.00
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	11,305.40
Plus Overlay	530.40
Less 62 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	124.00
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Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes on Which Tax Rate is Figured	\$ 11,681.40
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes .....	11,681.40
Poll Taxes at \$2.00 .....	124.00
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Total Taxes to be Committed	1,1805.40
 Town Tax Rate ....	 \$ 3.00

## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings .....	\$ 191,960.00
Electric Plants, 3 .....	195,240.00
Horses, 19 .....	1,420.00
Cows, 21 .....	2,350.00
Other Neat Stock, 1 .....	75.00
Fowls, 365 .....	445.00
Portable Mills, 1 .....	600.00
Wood, Lumber, etc. ....	890.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 2 .....	130.00
Stock in Trade .....	1,000.00
Mills and Machinery, 2 .....	2,500.00
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Total Valuation .....	\$ 396,610.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions .....	7,230.00
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Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed .....	\$ 389,380.00

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## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Frederick I. Taylor,  
Floyd H. Colby,  
Peter Lavoie,

May 18, 1950.

Selectmen of Groton



**Town of Groton****Assets**

<b>Cash:</b>	
In hands of Treasurer	\$ 3,744.25
<b>Capital Reserve Fund:</b>	
For Post War Project	558.13
<b>Accounts Due to Town:</b>	
Due from State:	
Joint Highway Construction Accounts	
Unexpended balance in State Treasury	6,817.00
Balance due from Yield Tax Reimbursement	190.57
Bounties	21.25
<b>Other Bills Due Town:</b>	
School District Overpayment	100.00
<b>Unredeemed Taxes:</b>	
Levy of 1949	500.00
Levy of 1948	279.94
<b>Uncollected Taxes:</b>	
Levy of 1950	1,570.40
Levy of 1949	13.20
Levy of 1948	20.99
Previous Years	85.20
Total Assets	\$ 13,990.93
Net Surplus, December 31, 1949	4,317.23
Net Surplus, December 31, 1950	5,757.68
Increase of Surplus	1,440.45
Town of Groton	Liabilities

<b>Accounts Owed by the Town:</b>	
Due to School District:	
Dog Licenses, 1947	62.00
Balance of Appropriation, 1949-1950	35.62
<b>State and Town Joint Highway Construction Account:</b>	
Unexpended balance in State Treasury	6,817.00
Unexpended balance in Town Treasury	670.50
<b>Capital Reserve Funds:</b>	
	558.13
Total Liabilities	\$ 8,143.25
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	5,757.68
Grand Total	\$ 13,900.93

**Town of Groton****Receipts****Current Revenue:****From Local Taxes:**

Property Taxes, current year	\$ 9,865.72
Poll Taxes, current year	82.00
Yield Taxes	132.72

Total Current Year's Taxes collected	10,080.44
Property Taxes, Previous years	2,032.81
Poll Taxes, Previous years	48.00
Interest received on Taxes	79.19
Tax Sales redeemed	256.00

**From State:**

For Plowing roads	746.20
Interest and Dividend Tax	90.26
Savings Bank Tax	9.58
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	32.60
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	1,038.08
Fighting Forest Fires	12.33
Bounties	52.00

**From Local Sources Except Taxes:**

Dog Licenses	45.60
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1949 permits	5.89
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1950 permits	243.92

**Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:**

Temporary Loans in anticipation of Taxes	1,000.00
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Sale of Town Property	796.70
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**Total Receipts from all Sources**      **\$ 16,569.60**

Cash on Hand January 1, 1950      1,281.49

**Grand Total**      **\$ 17,851.09**

## Town of Groton

## Payments

**Current Maintenance Expenses:****General Government:**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 536.00
Town Officers' Expenses	517.14
Election and Registration Expenses	229.60
Expenses Town Hall and Other Buildings	44.00

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Police Department	20.00
Fire Department, inc. forest fires	54.86
Bounties	21.25

**Health:**

Vital Statistics	2.50
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**Highways and Bridges:**

Town Road Aid	187.25
Town Maintenance, Summer	2,848.79
Town Maintenance, Winter	1,448.17
General Expenses of Highway Department	219.06

**Library:**

Library maintenance	150.00
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**Public Welfare:**

Old Age Assistance	440.83
Town Poor	35.48

**Recreation:**

Parks and Playgrounds	300.00
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**Unclassified:**

Advertising and Regional Associations	50.00
Taxes Bought by Town	476.94
Discount, Abatements, Refunds	29.10

**Interest:**

Paid on Temporary Loan	10.00
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**Indebtedness:**

Payments on Temporary Loan	1,000.00
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**Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:**

Taxes paid to County	865.81
Payments to School District	4,620.06
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<b>Total Payments for all Purposes</b>	<b>\$ 14,106.84</b>
Cash on hand December 31, 1950	3,744.25
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,851.09</b>

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

Town Hall, Land and Buildings .....	\$ 1,200.00
Furniture and Equipment .....	200.00
Library, Land and Building .....	1,000.00
Furniture and Equipment .....	1,500.00
Fire Department, Equipment .....	100.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,000.00
Equipment .....	4,500.00
Schools, Land and Buildings .....	2,200.00
Equipment .....	600.00
All Lands and Building Acquired Through	
Tax Collector's Deeds .....	13,608.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,998.00</b>

**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK****Receipts**

Auto Tax Collected		\$ 249.81
Dog Tax Collected	50.00	
Less Clerk's fees	4.40	
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		45.60
Total		\$ 295.41

**Payments**

Paid to Treasurer	\$ 295.41
No fires for the year 1950.	

Respectfully Submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS.

Town Clerk

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT****Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1950****Debits**

Taxes committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	\$ 11,681.40
Poll Taxes	124.00
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Total Warrant	\$ 11,805.40
Yield Taxes	145.23
Added Taxes:	
Poll Taxes	4.00
Interest	.40
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Total Debits	\$ 11,955.03

**Credits**

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	\$ 9,865.72
Poll Taxes	82.00
Yield Taxes	132.72
Interest	.40
Discount	265.88
Abatements	37.91

**Uncollected Taxes:**

Property Taxes	1,526.40
Poll Taxes	44.00

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Total Credits	\$ 11,955.03
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**Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1949****Debits**

Property Taxes	\$ 2,080.26
Poll Taxes	52.00
Added Tax:	
Poll Tax	2.00
Interest	78.79

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Total Debits	\$ 2,213.05
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**Credits**

Remittances to Treas. Fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 1950	
Property Taxes	\$ 2,032.81
Poll Taxes	48.00
Interest	78.79

**Uncollected Taxes:**

Property Tax	7.20
Poll Taxes	6.00

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Total Credits	\$ 2,213.05
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**Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1948****Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1950:	\$ 20.99
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Total Debits	\$ 20.99
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**Credits**

Uncollected Taxes	\$ 20.99
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Total Credits	\$ 20.99
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## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1947

**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1950:	\$ 11.00
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Total Debits	\$ 11.00
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**Credits**

Uncollected Taxes	\$ 11.00
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Total Credits	\$ 11.00
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## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1946

**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1950:	\$ 9.60
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Total Debits	\$ 9.60
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**Credits**

Uncollected Taxes	\$ 9.60
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Total Credits	\$ 9.60
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## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1945

**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1950:	\$ 8.05
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Total Debits	\$ 8.05
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**Credits**

Uncollected Taxes	\$ 8.05
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Total Credits	\$ 8.05
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## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1944

**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1950:	\$ 1.68
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Total Debits	\$ 1.68
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**Credits**

Uncollected Taxes	\$ 1.68
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Total Credits	\$ 1.68
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## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1943

## Debits

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1950:	44.50
Total Debits	<u>44.50</u>

## Credits

Abatements	\$ 18.70
Uncollected Taxes	25.80
Total Credits	<u>\$ 44.50</u>

## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1942

## Debits

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1950:	\$ 29.70
Total Debits	<u>\$ 29.70</u>

## Credits

Abatements	\$ 15.84
Uncollected Taxes	13.86
Total Credits	<u>\$ 29.70</u>

## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1941

## Debits

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1950:	\$ 47.73
Total Debits	<u>\$ 47.73</u>

## Credits

Abatements	\$ 36.52
Uncollected Taxes	11.21
Total Credits	<u>\$ 47.73</u>



## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1940

**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1950:	\$ 29.30
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Total Debits	\$ 29.30

**Credits**

Abatements	\$ 27.30
Uncollected Taxes	2.00
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Total Credits	\$ 29.30

## Summary of Warrant— Levy of 1939

**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1950	\$ 16.43
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Total Debits	\$ 16.43

**Credits**

Abatements	\$ 14.43
Uncollected Taxes	2.00
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Total Credits	\$ 16.43

## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1938

**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1950:	\$ 12.20
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Total Debits	\$ 12.20

**Credits**

Abatements	\$ 12.20
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Total Credits	\$ 12.20

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts    December 31, 1950

### Debits

	Tax Sale on Account of Levy of:		
	1949	1948	1947
Balance of Unredeemed			
Taxes, January 1, 1950	\$ 559.03	471.41	148.89
Interest Collected after Sale		9.90	12.44
Total Debits	559.03	481.31	161.33

### Credits

Remittances to Treasurer		153.51	102.49
Deeds	59.03	47.86	58.84
Total Credits	559.03	481.31	161.33
Unredeemed Taxes	500.00	279.94	

ANNIE M. ESTY,  
Collector of Taxes.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Receipts

Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector:

Property, Polls, 1949	\$ 1,626.61
Interest	56.05
Property, Polls, 1950	9,947.72
Interest	.40
Taxes Redeemed	256.00
Taxes Bought by Town	454.20
Interest	22.74
Timber Tax (Yield Tax)	132.72

## State of New Hampshire:

Plowing roads	746.20
Forest Fire School	9.03
General fire protection	3.30
Bounties	52.00
Savings Bank tax	9.58
Interest and Dividend tax	90.26
Reimbursement on taxes lost by Timber tax	1,038.08
Reimbursement on State owned lands	32.60
Pemigewasset National Bank, Temp. loan	1,000.00
Leland Reed, Sale of Willoughby Place	160.00
Carl Bowles, Sale of Sargent Place	300.00
Charles Tarr, Sale of part of Tenny Place and Bryar woodlot	160.00
Eugene Currier, Sale of Bartlett camp	20.00
Kenneth Whitcher, Sale of derrick	50.00
William Wood, Royalties on Valencia mine	106.70
Town Clerk, Auto permit fees	249.81
Town Clerk, Dog tax	45.60
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 16,569.60</b>
Balance in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1950	1,281.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,851.09</b>

**Payments**

Selectmens' Orders Paid	\$ 14,106.84
Balance on hand, December 31, 1950	3,744.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,851.09</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
 ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,  
 Treasurer

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

## General Government

### Town Officers' Salaries:

Violet Parris, Auditor	\$ 17.60
Flora Matthews, Auditor	17.60
F. I. Taylor, Selectman	170.00
Carroll Matthews, Selectman	5.00
Floyd Colby, Selectman	65.80
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector	125.00
Ileene Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer	110.00
Edythe M. Newton, Overseer of Poor	25.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 536.00

### Town Officers' Expenses:

Violet Parris, Auditor	\$ 7.00
F. I. Taylor, Selectman	43.00
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector	87.94
Ileene Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer	55.78
U. S. Auto and Truck Guide	6.00
Association of N. H. Assessors, dues	2.00
John C. Ray, Town Officers' Bonds	42.50
F. J. Shores, Register, transfers	8.18
The Enterprise Press, Selectmen's notice	1.50
F. J. Shores, Register, deeds	5.90
F. J. Shores, Register, Tax sale fees	18.50
F. J. Shores, Register mortgage search	8.50
F. J. Shores, Register, Title abstract	18.50
N. H. Tax Collectors' Ass'n., dues	2.00
Jone's Express, Exp. on filing cabinet	5.48
Brown and Saltmarsh, File and supplies	96.62
Sargent Bros., Tax bills	9.50

Brown and Saltmarsh, Collector forms	1.98
Sargent Bros., Tax forms	.50
N. H. City & Town Clerks' Ass'n., dues	2.00
The Colby Press, Town reports and ballots	91.00
Pemigewasset Nat'l. Bank, Bank charges	2.76

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Total	\$ 517.14
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### Election and Registration:

Lillian Colby, Supervisor	\$ 57.60
E. E. Matthews, Supervisor	57.60
Edythe M. Newton, Supervisor	57.60
Annie M. Esty, Ballot Clerk	19.20
Flora Matthews, Ballot Clerk	19.20
Agnes A. Lane, Moderator	18.40

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Total	\$ 229.60
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### Miscellaneous Bills:

State of New Hampshire, Old Age Assistance	\$ 440.83
Carroll Matthews, Bounties	2.50
Floyd Colby, Bounties	7.00
William Hobbs, Bounties	1.75
Leroy Parris, Bounties	10.00
Ileene Matthews, Vital Statistics	2.50
Flora Matthews, Library Treasurer	150.00
N. H. Electric Coop., Lights at Town House	24.00
Floyd Colby, Janitor	10.00
Edgar Albert, Police	20.00
Carroll Matthews, Mowing Town House lot	10.00
Annie M. Esty, Taxes bought by Town	476.94
Newfound Region Chamber of Commerce	50.00
Barnard's Garage, Repairs to truck	56.86
R. S. Yeaton, Plank for Gulf Bridge	102.72
Perley Matthews, Exp. for State Rd. meeting	8.00

John C. Ray, Truck fire and theft insurance	27.39
John C. Ray, Truck liability insurance	24.09
State of N. H., Town Road Aid	187.25
Pemi. Nat'l. Bank, Temp. loan and interest	1,010.00
Edgar C. McLellan, Groceries	35.48
Hebron—Groton A. A.	300.00
Harry S. Huckins, Treas., County Tax	865.81
Groton School District	4,620.06
Rumney Fire Department, Fighting fire in N. Groton	30.00
E. E. Matthews, Fire Warden	11.85
Floyd Colby, Deputy Warden	9.81
Norris Smith, Labor on fire tools	3.20
William B. Hobbs, Abatement refund	29.10
Total	<hr/> \$ 8,527.14

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

## South End Road—Supervision of Perley Matthews :

Perley Matthews, Labor	\$ 261.90
Perley Matthews, Truck	248.00
Perley Matthews, Rake	1.25
E. E. Matthews, Jr. Labor	98.60
C. G. Matthews, Labor	16.00
C. G. Matthews, Tractor	64.00
Denis Matthews, Labor	28.00
Harold Matthews, Labor	27.20
Harold Matthews, Paint	4.00
Edgar Albert, Labor	39.20
Edgar McLellan, Labor	22.40
Edgar McLellan, Spikes	.60
Ernest Loisell, Labor	55.20
Peter Lavoie, Labor	51.20
E. E. Matthews, Labor	12.80
Frank Matthews, Labor	10.42
Norris Smith, Labor	3.20
Norris Smith, Truck	13.84
W. I. Smith, Labor	3.20
R. S. Yeaton, Lumber	7.93
Rand's, 2 Shovels	5.78
Rand's, Paint	16.03
Cavis Bros., Paint	4.58
Sarah Dunkerton, 15 yds. sand	1.50
Walter Merrill, 18 yds. sand	1.80
Total	<hr/> \$ 998.68

## North End Roads—Supervision of Charles H. Tarr:

Charles H. Tarr, Labor	\$ 356.40
Charles H. Tarr, Team	132.00
Charles H. Tarr, Truck	16.00
Carl Bowles, Labor	88.80
Carl Bowles, Truck	4.00
George Roy, Labor	108.00
Edward Vinton, Labor	16.80
William Gove, Labor	7.60
William Gove, Truck	9.50
Lawrence Bowles, Labor	9.20
Fred Waldron, Labor	76.80
Fred Landon, Labor	29.60
Fred Goss, Labor	7.20
Ernest Carter, Labor	74.80
Ernest Carter, Truck	49.50
William Hobbs, Labor	6.40
Edgar McLellan, Labor	6.40
Lawrence Foster, Labor	1.60
Lawrence Foster, Tractor	3.40
Arthur Ashley, Labor	6.40
Arthur Ashley, Truck	8.00
Arthur Ashley, 82 yds. gravel	8.20
Perley Matthews, Labor	2.20
Perley Matthews, Truck	10.75
William Allen, Labor	19.20
James Carter, Labor	34.40
Aaron Shortt, Labor	6.80
Aaron Shortt, Truck	8.50
Warren Tarr, Labor	48.00
Paul Tarr, Labor	28.80
James Parris, Labor	59.20
H. Dewey Chase, Bridge plank	5.46
Chase Grain Mill, Culvert pipe	24.48
Merrimack Farmer's Exch., 1 pr. cutters	9.75
Lucien Parris, Team	24.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 1,308.14



**Snow Removal—Supervision of Ernest E. Matthews:**

E. E. Matthews, Labor	\$ 686.90
Floyd Colby, Labor	404.70
E. E. Matthews, Jr. Labor,	12.80
Eugene Place, Labor	6.40
Norris Smith, Labor	4.80
Edgar McLellan, Labor	8.20
Edgar McLellan, Gasoline	251.79
Edgar McLellan, Flashlight batteries	.38
Walter Merrill, Sand	6.00
Allen Esty, Repairs to pully	1.50
Barnard's Garage, 100 Crosschains	54.00
Barnard's Garage, Repairs to truck	10.70
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Total	\$ 1,448.17

**Road Repairs Due to Storm Damage of Nov.25, 1950****Supervision of Selectmen**

E. E. Matthews, Labor	\$ 90.30
Floyd Colby, Labor	96.60
Vernon Mathews, Labor	48.30
E. E. Matthews Jr., Labor	67.20
Frank Matthews, Labor	43.05
Edgar McLellan, Labor	40.95
Edgar McLellan, Gasoline	13.66
Perley Matthews, Labor	52.50
Perley Matthews, Truck	54.00
Edgar Albert, Labor	4.20
Louis Albert, Labor	4.20
Paul Adams, Labor	4.20
E. Dunkerton, 48 yds. gravel	4.80
A. Ashley, 180 yds gravel	18.00
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Total	\$ 541.96

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1950

DATE OF CREATION	TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED  State character and rate of return for each investment State also if funds were borrowed or used for city or town purposes and indicate whether notes have been used as required by Chapter 51, Section 23, Revised Laws	AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL Int.		Balance of Income on hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at end Year
George W. Hall Fund	George W. Hall	Dep. Plymouth Savings Bank	\$	26.00	2%	\$ 25.20	1.28	26.48
Care of Hall lot in Union Cem'ty.		U. S. Savings Bond F Series		74.00				
Cyrus Blood Fund	Cyrus Blood	Dep. Plymouth Savings Bank		13.00	2%	10.96	.58	11.54
Care of lot in Rolfe Hill Cemetery		U. S. Savings Bond F Series		37.00				
Town of Groton Fund for Post War Project		Dep. Plymouth Savings Bank		485.27	2%		72.86	72.86
		Totals		\$635.27		36.16	74.72	110.88

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. Frederick I. Taylor, Floyd H. Colby, Trustees.  
 Examined and found correct: Flora Matthews, Violet Parris, Auditors  
 January 13, 1951

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

### Resources

Books Owned January 1, 1950 .....	1848
Books added during year .....	38
Bookmobile .....	54
State Reports, etc. ....	6
Magazines currently received .....	2

### Service

Volumns of fiction lent .....	187
Volumns of nonfiction lent .....	27
Volumns of juvenile fiction lent .....	419
Magazines lent .....	24

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Total Circulation .....	657
New borrowers .....	16
Regular borrowers .....	21
School children .....	11

### Librarian's Cash Statement

Amount on hand January 1, 1950 .....	\$ 14.09
Fines collected .....	.70
Total .....	\$ 14.79

### Expenses

Postage .....	.05
Amount on hand December 31, 1950 .....	\$ 14.74

## LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

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## Receipts

From January 1, 1950 to January 1, 1951

Cash on hand	\$ 71.92
Selectmen	150.00
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Total	\$ 221.92

## Payments

Flora Matthews, Salary	\$ 28.00
Dorothy Place, Janitor	15.00
Agnes Lane, Librarian's Salary	16.00
Harold Watts, Roof and door	7.65
N. H. Electric Coop., Lights	24.00
Flora Matthews, Cleaning	1.00
Personal Book Shop, Books	11.06
Insurance	7.00
Personal Book Shop, Books-	3.36
Harold Matthews, Wood	14.50
Perley Matthews, Getting wood and slabs	6.00
Carroll Matthews, Sawing wood	5.00
Check books	3.00
Zelma Watts, Assistant librarian's salary	54.00
Perley Matthews, Cleaning shed and putting in wood	3.20
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Total Payments	\$ 202.27
Cash on hand	19.65
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Total	\$ 221.92

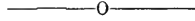
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of

GROTON

for  
Fiscal Year

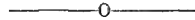
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## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

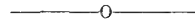


### DISTRICT OFFICERS

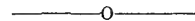
Mrs. Agnes A. Lane	Moderator
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews	Treasurer
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews	Clerk
Mrs. Violet Parris	Auditor



### SCHOOL BOARD



Mrs. Annie Esty	Term expires 1951
Mrs. Flora Matthews	Term expires 1952
Mrs. Yvonne Stevens	Term expires 1953



### Teacher

Mrs. Ida G. Sirrine	South Groton
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### Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

### School Nurse

Mrs. Anna Lovett, R. N.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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## SCHOOL TREASURER

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1950

## Summary:

## Receipts

Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 35.62
Received from Selectmen, appropriation	4,408.88
Dog tax	36.60
Income from trust funds	142.41
Received from all other sources	16.19

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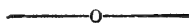
Total Amount Available for fiscal year	\$ 4,639.70
Less School Board orders paid	4,409.04

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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1950	\$ 230.66
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ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

Treasurer.



## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Groton, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950 and find them correct in all respects.

VIOLET G. PARRIS, Auditor

## SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

### Receipts

Received from Selectmen	\$ 4,408.88
Received from Selectmen, dog tax	36.60
Received from Trust Funds	142.41
From all other sources	16.19
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Total Receipts	4,604.08
Cash on hand as of June 30, 1949	35.62
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Grand Total	\$ 4,639.70

### DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

#### Salaries of District Officers:

Annie Esty, School board, salary	\$ 30.00
Flora Matthews, School board, salary	30.00
Yvonne Stevens, School board, salary	30.00
Violet Parris, Auditor	5.20
Agnes Lane, Moderator	.80
Ileene Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer	30.00
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	\$ 126.00

#### Superintendent's Salary:

Supervisory Union No. 4	\$ 156.00
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#### Truant Officer and Census:

Annie Esty	\$ 10.00
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#### Expenses of Administration:

First Nat'l. Bank, Bristol, service charge	\$ 4.06
Supervisory Union No.4, Clerk & Office exp.	58.20
Harold Matthews, trip to Woodsville and Plymouth	7.00
Ileene Matthews, Expense	.15
Annie Esty, Expenses	3.80
Yvonne Stevens, Expenses	5.52



Flora Matthews, Expenses	15.05
F. J. Shores, Recording deed	5.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., Vouchers	13.50
Edgar McLellan, Ice cream for graduation	5.50
Granville Wheeler, Corsarges	8.25
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	\$ 126.03

**Teacher's Salary:**

Ida Sirrine	\$ 1,622.00
Collector of Internal Revenue	137.80
Teacher's Retirement Board	72.00
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	\$ 1,831.80

**Textbooks:**

Ginn & Company	\$ 12.41
Edward Babb Company	3.73
Benjamin Sanborn	1.11
American Book Company	.52
Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.	2.95
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	\$ 20.72

**Scholars' Supplies:**

Cascade Paper Company	\$ 25.02
Cardigan Sport Store	1.25
Supervisory Union No. 4	2.50
The Macmillan Co.	.50
American Book Co.	.38
Laidlaw Bros.	2.05
Row, Peterson & Co.	.46
Webster Publishing Co.	.82
Bristol School District	4.09
J. L. Hammett Co.	.93
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	\$ 38.50

**Other Expenses of Instruction:**

Cardigan Sport Store, Softball	\$ 1.70
Encyclopedia Britannica, Encyclopedia	82.63
J. L. Hammett Co., Diploma covers	.63
Supervisory Union No. 4, Softball	1.70
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	\$ 86.66

**Janitor's Salary:**

Floyd Colby, Jr.	\$ 39.37
Dorothy Place	35.63
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	\$ 75.00

**Fuel:**

Harold Matthews, Wood	\$ 84.00
Carroll Matthews, Sawing wood	18.00
Floyd Colby, Putting in wood	9.00
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	\$ 111.00

**Water, Light and Janitor's Supplies:**

N. H. Electric Coop., Inc.	\$ 24.00
Beckley Cardy Co.	5.13
H. J. Follansbee Co., Axe handle	1.00
Charles Place, Hanging axe handle	1.00
A. M. Rand, Supplies	5.20
Masury Young Co.	10.19
White River Paper Co.	4.31
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	\$ 50.83

**Minor Repairs and Expenses:**

Harold Watts, Painting	\$ 27.80
Sears, Roebuck & Co., Shades	12.06
Edward E. Babb Co., Chemical	16.40
A. M. Rand, Supplies	.30
Perley Matthews, Repairs	57.60
Floyd Colby, Cleaning toilets	4.00

Cardigan Sport Store, Flit	1.45
White River Paper Co., Cups and dispenser	19.48
Flora Matthews, Cleaning and expenses	12.40
Yvonne Stevens, Cleaning	10.40
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	\$ 161.89

**Medical Inspection:**

Mrs. Anna Lovett, R. N.	\$ 57.60
Teachers' Retirement Board	2.40
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	\$ 60.00

**Transportation of Pupils:**

Mrs. Cynthia White	\$ 900.00
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**High School Tuition:**

Plymouth School District	\$ 342.00
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**Elementary Tuition:**

Dorchester School District	\$ 76.00
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**Other Special Activities:**

Moody's, Ice cream for graduation	7.00
Granville F. Wheeler, Corsarges	3.25
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\$ 10.25

**Per Capita Tax:**

G. Gordon Kimball, State Treasurer, $\frac{1}{2}$	\$ 34.00
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**Insurance and Other Fixed Charges:**

John C. Ray, Vacancy permit and bond	\$ 11.00
Teachers' Retirement Board	93.00
Supervisory Union No.4, Supt's. Retirement	7.57
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\$ 111.57

**New Equipment:**

J. L. Hammett Co., Chairs	\$ 13.19
Harold Hamblett, trip to Bristol	2.00
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\$ 15.19

**Special Appropriation: (Well)**

H. K. Sturtevant, Fee	\$ 5.00
Chase Grain Mill, Supplies	10.75
C. L. Esty, Material	9.50
Edward Dunkerton, Labor	6.00
Ralph Cass, Materials	34.35
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	\$ 65.60
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,409.04</b>

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**SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1951-1952**
**Expense:**

Current Expenses	\$ 5,287.86
Capital Outlay	400.00
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	\$ 5,687.86

**Receipts:**

Assessment Required to meet	
School District Appropriation	\$ 5,687.86

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**AUDITORS' REPORT**

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Groton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

VIOLET PARRIS, Auditor.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

### Enrollment by Grades

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
1949-50	1	2	3	0	3	0	2	3	14
1950-1-Dec.	1	1	1	3	0	3	0	2	11

### District Totals

	Av. Att'd.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Att'd.
1949-50	11.9	.73	12.67	94.2
1950-51-Dec.	10.7	.30	11	97.3

### Tuition Pupils

Plymouth High School	Rate \$ 215.00
Teresa Latulippe	Grade 9
June White	Grade 9
Pauline White	Grade 11
Jeanne Latulippe	Grade 12
Dorchester Elementary School,	Grade 3
Norma Waldron	

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

1951-1952

### Term Opens

### Term Closes

September 4, 1951	December 21, 1951
January 2, 1952	February 15, 1952
February 25, 1952	April 25, 1952
May 5, 1952	Completion of 180 days
<b>Days Out:</b> Plymouth Fair one day; November 22, 23; May 30. <b>Single Sessions:</b> (12:45) Nov. 21; Dec. 21.	

Pupils may enter the first grade provided they are 6 before January 1.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including 3 for institutes and conventions, and up to 5 for workshops.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

## COMPARATIVE SCHOOL BUDGETS

EXPENDITURES	Expenditures 1949-1950	Adopted Budget 1950-1951	Estimated Expenditures for 1950-1951	Estimated Budget for 1951-1952
<b>Administration:</b>				
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 136.00	135.00	135.00	135.00
Supt.s salary (local share)	156.00	137.27	137.27	122.66
Tax, State wide Supervision	34.00	38.00	38.00	36.00
Salaries of Adm. Personnel		59.30	58.32	46.20
Supplies and Expenses	126.03	50.00	12.00	60.00
<b>Instruction:</b>				
Teachers salary	1,831.80	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Books and Other Aids	20.72	40.00	59.21	40.00
Scholars Supplies	38.50	35.00	25.00	35.00
Supplies and Other Expenses	86.66	10.00	10.00	10.00
<b>Operation of School Plant:</b>				
Salary of janitor	75.00	75.00	100.00	100.00
Fuel or heat	111.00	115.00	50.00	115.00
Water, light and supplies	50.83	60.00	50.00	60.00
<b>Maintenance School Plt.:</b>				
Repairs and replacements	161.89	60.00	187.00	50.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities:</b>				
Health Supervision	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Transportation	900.00	950.00	900.00	1,250.00
Tuition, High	342.00	800.00	860.00	1,125.00
Tuition, Elementary	76.00	80.00	80.00	100.00
Special Activities	10.25	10.00	10.00	10.00
<b>Fixed Charges:</b>				
Teachers Retirement	100.57	100.49	100.49	122.00
Insurance, bonds, etc.	11.00	5.00	78.50	11.00
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>				
Additions and Improvements	65.60			
New Equipment	15.19		127.25	400.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,409.04</b>	<b>4,620.06</b>	<b>4,878.04</b>	<b>5,678.86</b>

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The month of November marked the close of five years of working together in Supervisory Union No. 4 under a new superintendent and it is a source of satisfaction to look back and count the achievements which have been made possible through the cooperation of teachers, school board members, taxpayers the State Board of Education, and the pupils themselves. All rooms have been painted, many have new lights, nine buildings have been painted outside, seven roofs have been redone, new heating installed in several buildings, improved playground equipment in at least two instances, and last, but not least are two new buildings underway. These are all material achievements. To improve much on these matters will involve very expensive spending, and with future uncertainties it is well that these things have been done. Non-material accomplishments have consisted in three teacher workshops, regrading of schools, extensive summer school attendance by the teachers, and the maintenance of a very competent teaching staff in spite of differences in ages, training, experience, and the lowest salaries in the state. How much longer this can be done is pure guess-work.

Our educational offerings in most towns are very limited and kept to the barest essentials. Only two towns offer music supervision, one offers hand writing supervision, none has art supervision, remedial reading or physical education. High school offerings are almost equally limited but Bristol's will be quite modern on completion of the new school and proper staffing of the same. Yet the lake region section of Union 4 is, by any objective standard, one of the richest in the state and for this basic reason will never

receive much, if any, state aid as long as a formula is based solely on need.

Solutions to our educational needs are not easy, and are expensive. Present state aid formulas are totally inadequate as to amount. A million dollars this year will probably not cover the new inflationary trend. The net result of this, both as to better educational opportunities for our children and for tax relief, will be close to zero. The basic purpose of any sound state aid program is to improve educational opportunities and not to absorb inflationary trends over which we have absolutely no control.

Probably the taxpayers of Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton wonder why these towns receive no state aid for their schools. These formulas are complicated affairs but perhaps one set of figures will help clarify this situation. To qualify for aid under the proposer formula Bridgewater would have to assess itself for more than \$17,110; Hebron for more than \$12,721; Groton for more than \$8,289. There is danger in stopping here for these assessments alone would not qualify the towns for aid unless they had pupils enough figured at \$175 for each elementary pupil and \$225 for each high school pupil to warrant such expenditures. Obviously none of these towns has enough pupils and all have a relatively large tax base. Stating it another way Hebron with 13 pupils (1949-50) has an equalized valuation of \$732,731 while Danbury with 115 pupils has an equalized valuation of \$598,367. Such inequalities are very apparent. Only when flat grants of money per pupil become a part of state aid will these three towns receive any aid, and then not much. In other words these three towns in varying degrees have a tax base big enough to do what they will for themselves.

Respectfully Submitted,  
C. Maurice Gray



**VITAL STATISTICS****Marriages**

In Plymouth, N. H., September 2, 1950, by Rev. Deane L. Hodges, John Adams Wood, of Groton, N. H., to Marion Georgina Campbell, of Plymouth, N. H., daughter of Donald and Wilhelmina (Palmer) Campbell, of Plymouth, N. H.

**Births**

In Plymouth, N. H., June 13, 1950, a son, Frederick Ernest, to Frederick W. and Gloria P. Landon, of Groton, N. H.

In Plymouth, N. H., August 10, 1950, a son, Edward Norris, to Norris W. and Beatrice M. Smith, of Groton, N. H.

In Franklin, N. H., September 12, 1950, a daughter, Linda Evelyn, to Frederick I. and Ruth M. Taylor, of Groton, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above records are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS, Town Clerk.





